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CHAPTER 2.5.8.

GLANDERS

Article 2.5.8.1.

For the purposes of this *Terrestrial Code*, the *incubation period* for glanders shall be 6 months.

Standards for diagnostic tests are described in the Terrestrial Manual.

Article 2.5.8.2.

Glanders free country

A country may be considered free from glanders when:

- 1. glanders is notifiable in the country;
- 2. no case of glanders has been reported during confirmed for at least the past 3 last 2 years, or no case has been reported for a period of at least 6 months and a surveillance programme is in place demonstrating the absence of the disease in accordance with general guidelines on animal health surveillance (Appendix 3.8.1.).

When importing equines for immediate slaughter from an infected country (see Article 2.5.8.5.), a glanders free country will not be considered as infected if one of the imported equines is found infected.

The conditions for such imports will require direct transport of the animals from the place of disembarkation to a designated abattoir and completion of cleansing and disinfection of the means of transport, the lairages and the abattoir immediately after use. These conditions should be prescribed and enforced by the Veterinary Administration.

Article 2.5.8.3.

When importing from glanders free countries, Veterinary Administrations should require:

for equines

the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that the animals:

1. showed no clinical <u>signs</u> evidence of glanders on the day of shipment;

- 2. were kept since birth, or for the past 6 months prior to shipment, or since birth if less than 6 months of age, in the exporting country.; or
- 3. were subjected to <u>a test as prescribed in the Terrestrial Manual</u> the mallein test and/or the complementfixation test for glanders with negative results, during the 15 days prior to shipment.

Article 2.5.8.4.

When importing from countries considered infected with glanders, *Veterinary Administrations* should require:

for equines

the presentation of an international veterinary certificate attesting that the animals:

- 1. showed no clinical sign of glanders on the day of shipment;
- 2. were kept for the 6 months prior to shipment in an *establishment* where no *case* of glanders was officially reported during that period;
- 3. were subjected to <u>a test as prescribed in the Terrestrial Manual</u> the mallein test and the complement fixation test for glanders with negative results, during the <u>15-30</u> days prior to shipment.

Article 2.5.8.5.

When importing from countries considered infected with glanders, *Veterinary Administrations* should require:

for equines for immediate slaughter

the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that the animals showed no clinical sign of glanders on the day of shipment. (See also Article 2.5.8.2.)

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